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All,

As a follow-up to the "Waiver of 1782 Period" email sent last Thursday, the Department of Local Government Finance's purpose in offering the suggestion to taxing units to waive a portion of the two (2) week 1782 notice period is to expedite the property assessment-to-tax billing process and improve on-time property tax billing for pay-2009. As you know, on-time property tax billing is the #1 priority of the Department.

To reiterate a key point in the email:

"If you choose to consider this option [waiver of a portion of the 1782 notice period], please notify the Department with a fax number and e-mail address so that we may forward the 1782 notice, allowing you to review the document before signing the waiver."

In other words, the Department does not want a unit to approve a 1782 notice before reviewing it. Rather, the Department suggests that a unit can choose to not use the full two (2) week period to review the 1782 notice, but instead place the highest of priorities on the 1782 notice and take only one (1) to four (4) days to review and revise it. Remember: on-time tax billing = on-time tax collections = timely distribution to the units = less temporary loan interest.

The draft waiver attached was written based on a one (1) day review, however it can be customized to fit each unit's specific comfort level, if the unit's representatives choose this option.

If you do not have a fax machine or an email address, we ask that once you receive your 1782 notice by mail, you review it and return it to us. Hopefully you can go to an office in close proximity to you and fax your 1782 response to us to save mail time.

It is in everyone's best interest to achieve on-time property tax billing.

As always, we appreciate your effort in helping us expedite your Certified Budget Order and ensure timely property tax billing for pay-2009.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Karen Large, Budget Director, at (317) 234-3937 or klarge@dlgf.in.gov.

Sincerely,

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This e-mail was distributed to all units of government via the Department's listservs. Auditors, please feel free to pass this along to your local units as well to ensure that all are aware of this option to expedite tax billing and distribution of property tax dollars to local units of government.